

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A pop-top can lip cleaner element having a generally
2 "Y"-shaped body comprising;

3 a central portion;

4 a handle portion extending outward from said central
5 portion to an outward end thereof;

6 a generally horizontally disposed lid and groove-cleaning
7 inner leg portion extending inward from said central portion to
8 an inner end thereof; and

9 a generally vertically disposed upper lip-cleaning
10 depending leg portion extending downward from said central
11 portion to a lower end thereof;

12 said lid and groove-cleaning inner leg portion having a
13 lower surface conforming with the shape of the lid and
14 peripheral groove of a pop-top can;

15 said upper lip-cleaning depending leg portion having a
16 curved inner surface conforming with the shape of the upper lip
17 of a pop-top can; and

18 said lid and groove-cleaning inner leg portion and said
19 upper lip-cleaning depending leg portion forming a lip receiver
20 at their intersection which is curved, conforming with the shape
21 of the peripheral rim of a pop-top can;

22 whereby said cleaning element is useful for pressing a
23 cleaning web against the exposed surfaces of a pop-top can which
24 generally come into contact with the mouth and lips of the user
25 when drinking therefrom, the cleaning being accomplished by the
26 user grasping said handle portion and sliding said cleaning
27 element and said web in a reciprocal backward and forward motion
28 around the pop-top can lid within the contact area, thereby
29 cleaning the contact area from dirt, debris, and other
30 contaminants.

1 2. The pop-top can lip cleaner element of claim 1, wherein
2 said "Y"-shaped body has a horizontal thickness adequate to
3 allow easy grasping by the user and guided travel along the
4 peripheral rim of the pop-top can.

1 3. The pop-top can cleaner element of claim 2, in
2 combination with a pre-moistened towelette dispenser of such
3 size as to dispense towlettes of the appropriate size for use
4 with said pop-top can cleaner element.

3 at the end thereof, whereby said pop-top can lip cleaner element
4 may be grasped by said horizontal inner leg portion and said
5 lateral edge of said wedge-shaped handle pushed under the opener
6 ring to pry open the opener, thus opening the can for use
7 consumption of the contents.

1 10. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 9, wherein said
2 lateral edge is beveled.

1 11. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 10, wherein said
2 handle portion defines an aperture substantially perpendicular
3 thereto for insertion of a key ring, said aperture being spaced
4 from said lateral edge such that a key ring inserted
5 therethrough does not interfere with its use as an opener.

1 12. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 11, further
2 comprising a key ring inserted through said aperture.

1 13. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 11, further
2 comprising an attachment ring inserted through in said aperture.

1 14. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 13, further
2 comprising a chain attached to said attachment ring.

1 15. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 14, further
2 comprising a magnet attached to said chain for removable
3 attachment to a refrigerator door or other metal object.

1 16. The pop-top can lip cleaner element of claim 7, said
2 aperture being of such size as to receive a key ring
3 therethrough.

1 17. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 7, further
2 comprising an attachment ring inserted through in said aperture.

1 18. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 17, further
2 comprising a chain attached to said attachment ring.

1 19. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 18, further
2 comprising a magnet attached to said chain for removable
3 attachment to a refrigerator door or other metal object.

1 20. The pop-top can lip cleaner of claim 18, further
2 comprising a pre-moistened towelette dispenser of such size as
3 to dispense towlettes of the appropriate size for use with said
4 pop-top can cleaner element, said towelette dispenser being
5 attached to said chain.